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ASEA Political Action Committee Endorses Bill Walker for Governor

ASEA PAC directors endorsed Bill Walker to serve a second term as Alaska's Governor. The committee moved to support the reelection campaigns of Gov. Walker and running mate Lt. Governor Byron Mallott during a special meeting Tuesday night.

Walker's administration is often defined by the challenges it has faced—and met—over the last four years. Primary among those challenges was an extraordinary operating budget deficit driven by the collapse of oil prices.

The Alaska Legislature spent billions of dollars from state savings until lawmakers this year agreed on a proposal to use a small portion of Permanent Fund earnings, one of several proposals put forward by Walker since 2014 to correct the budget deficit and to preserve the PFD program which was in jeopardy from legislative inaction.

“Governor Walker never quit on Alaska,” said ASEA Executive director Jake Metcalfe. “He saw a bigger picture for the state while others stood by.”

The Walker Administration balanced state services and public commitments as the Legislature cut funding for thousands of programs and positions from the operating budget.

The ASEA PAC directors agreed Gov. Walker has faced the responsibilities of the job tirelessly and effectively, and deserves another term.

“Walker defended Alaskan jobs, protected the state's economy and preserved the PFD when Alaska needed a leader most,” Metcalfe said. “Despite a fiscal crisis inherited from the Parnell Administration, Walker's proposals brought stability to Alaska, delivered essential state services and guaranteed Alaskans a PFD long into the future.”

The Alaska State Employees Association represents more than 8,000 state, borough and municipal employees providing service and support across Alaska.

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